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OUTLOOK REPORT ON FISH MARKETING CONDITIONS ISSUED BY FWS

A relatively favorable period is foreseen for the marketing of fish and fishery products during July, August, and September, the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service indicates in its quarterly report, the Department of the Interior said today.

Certain elements in the market situation may cause more active competition with fishery products, however. These factors include the probability of a slight but fairly general decline in food prices, which should follow the gradually increasing harvest of farm crops and the increasing slaughter of livestock as fall comes on. Diligent merchandising will also be required to offset the effect of the large amounts of fish in cold storage.

The outlook report also deals with regional variations. New England, the Pacific Coast and the Middle Atlantic states will have a period of heavy production, while the South Atlantic and Gulf states will show some seasonal decline in fishery activity. The states in the Great Lakes area will show reduced local production and a greater reliance on imports of fresh-water fish.

The marketing forecast was prepared by economist Ralph Russell, of the FWS Branch of Commercial Fisheries. This quarterly report is the sixth in a series, and is based on data collected from a wide variety of sources, including authorities in the fishery industry and government agencies.

The outlook reports specific business conditions and market situations in the fishery industry. Among the factors discussed are the general economic situation, conditions in the food industry, food prices, and international trade in fishery products. The major part of the publications is devoted to a discussion of the marketing situation of individual species of fish and shellfish, arranged according to principal areas of production.

Copies of the Quarterly Outlook for Marketing Fishery Products, July-September, 1950, Fishery Leaflet 336e, can be obtained from the Division of Information, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington 25, D. C.

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